(c) the steps taken by Government to identify the real culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Central Bureau of investigation have reported that it has not recovered any AK-56 rifles and a Rocket Launcher at Purulia on 13th November, 1996.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (a) and (b) above.

Ration Cards and Photo Identity Cards for Tibetan Refugees

494. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tibetan refugees have been issued ration cards and photo identity cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether they have the right to exercise their franchise and to contest election in India;

(d) the details of economic assistance, facilities and protection; and

(e) the expenditure incurred on them; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Tibetan refugees have been issued ration cards by various State Govts. However, they have not been issued photo-identity cards by the Election Commission of India as they are not Indian citizens.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Tibetan refugees have been provided rehabilitation assistance under various agricultural and handicraft schemes.

(e) Upto the year 1992-93 an amount of Rs. 1616.23 lakhs was incurred on Tibetan refugees. After that the following expenditure has been incurred during the last three years:

Year	Amount of Expenditure
1993-94	Nil
1994-95	Rs. 30 lakhs
1995-96	Rs. 34.32 lakhs.

Facilities to freedom fighters and their dependents

495. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for and the facilities provided to the freedom fighters by the Centre; and

(b) the facilities provided by the Centre to the dependents of the freedom fighters after their death?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The criteria for defining a "freedom fighter" for making the person eligible for getting various benefits and facilities from the Centre has been laid down under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension, Scheme, 1980. In order to receive Samman Pension under the said Scheme, a person had to undergo a minimum period of six months imprisonment, interment/externment, abscondence (under-gound) against an executive action of the Government in connection with his participation in the Freedom Struggle. Other types of sufferings such as loss of Government job, confiscation/attachement of property, 10 strokes of whipping or caning, permanent incapaciation due to lathi charge have also been recognised for the purpose of grant of Samman Pension. After the death of the freedom fighter pensioner, his eligible dependents (widow, unmarried/unemployed daughters, mother, father) are entitled for family pension.